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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY CAMDEN VICINAGE

ELAINE L. CHAO, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor,

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Plaintiff, : Case No.: 05-cv-2264 (JBS)(AMD)

v.

v.

JAMES DOYLE, CYNTHIA HOLLOWAY:

MICHAEL GARNETT, MARK

MACCARIELLA AND THE PITWU

HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND

Defendants

CYNTHIA HOLLOWAY,

Crossclaimant/Third-Party Plaintiff :

MICHAEL GARNETT, MARK
MACARIELLA, DAVID WEINSTEIN
UNION PRIVILEGE CARE, INC.,
DANTE GEORENO, FRANK
MILITELLO, TIM FOSTER, NEAL
GOLDSTEIN AND
FREEDMAN & LORRY AND THE
MCKEOUGH COMPANY,

Third-Party Defendants

: ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT : WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, CROSS-

: CLAIMS, ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIMS, : AND DEMAND FOR AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT

: ON BEHALF OF THIRD-PARTY

: DEFENDANTS, NEAL GOLDSTEIN,

: ESQUIRE AND FREEDMAN & LORRY, PC

By and through their attorneys Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman and Goggin, Third-Party Defendants, Neal Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C., ("Third-Party Defendants") Answer the Third-Party Complaint as follows:

### **FACTS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS**

- 1. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 1 and therefore they are denied.
  - 2. Admitted.
- 3. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 3 and therefore they are denied.
- 4. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 4 and therefore they are denied.
- 5. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 5 and therefore they are denied.
- 6. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 6 and therefore they are denied.
  - 7. Admitted.
- 8. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 8 and therefore they are denied.
- 9. Denied as stated. By way of further response, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C. provided limited legal advice to the Fund.
- 10. Third-Party Defendants are without sufficient information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 10 and therefore they are denied.

## <u>COUNT ONE - BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY</u> (AGAINST GEORENO, FOSTER, GARNETT AND MILITELLO)

11-18. Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C. do not answer the allegations of Count One because the allegations are not directed to these answering Third-Party Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendants request judgment in their favor and against Third-Party Plaintiff, and any other relief this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

## **COUNT TWO - PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS**

- 19. Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C. hereby incorporate the responses to paragraphs 1-18 as if fully set forth herein.
  - 20. No response is required to this paragraph.
  - 21. Admitted.
- 22. The allegations of paragraph 22 are legal conclusions to which no response is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations of paragraph 22 are denied.
- 23. The allegations in this paragraph are denied insofar as the allegations are directed to Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.
- 24. The allegations in this paragraph are denied insofar as the allegations are directed to Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.
- 25. The allegations in this paragraph are denied insofar as the allegations are directed to Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.
- 26. The allegations in this paragraph are denied insofar as the allegations are directed to Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.
- 27. The allegations in this paragraph are denied insofar as the allegations are directed to Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.

28. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendants request judgment in their favor and against Third-Party Plaintiff, and any other relief this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT THREE – NEGLIGENCE**

- 29. Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C. hereby incorporate the responses to paragraphs 1-28 as if fully set forth herein.
  - 30. No response is required to this paragraph.
- 31. The allegations in this paragraph are denied as to Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.
  - 32. Denied.
  - 33. Denied.
  - 34. Denied.
  - 35. Denied.
  - 36. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendants request judgment in their favor and against Third-Party Plaintiff, and any other relief this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT FOUR – MISREPRESENTATION**

37-45. Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C. provide no answer to the allegations of Count Four because the allegations are not directed to these answering Third-Party Defendants.

#### **COUNT FIVE – CONTRIBUTION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

46. Third-Party Defendants, Neil Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C. hereby incorporate the responses to paragraphs 1-45 as if fully set forth herein.

- 47. Third-Party Defendants hereby deny that Holloway is entitled to contribution.
- 48. Third-Party Defendants deny that Holloway is entitled to indemnification.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendants request judgment in their favor and against Third-Party plaintiff, and any other relief this Honorable Court deems just and proper.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. Third-Party Plaintiff's allegations fail to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. Third-Party Defendants deny the negligence alleged, and acted within the required standard of care at all relevant times.
  - Third-Party Defendants deny the privity alleged by Third-Party Plaintiff.
- 4. The incident and damages alleged were caused by the actions or omissions of third persons over whom Third-Party Defendants exercise no right of control.
  - 5. Third-Party Defendants performed each and every duty allegedly owed.
  - 6. Third-Party Defendants breached no duties allegedly owed.
  - 7. Third-Party Defendants deny that they proximately caused the alleged harm.
- 8. Third-Party Defendants acted reasonably and prudently under the circumstances and they are not liable to Third-Party Plaintiff.
- 9. The Third-Party Complaint is barred pursuant to the Statute of Limitations, and Third-Party Defendants reserve the right to move to dismiss.
- The Third-Party Plaintiff's claims are barred pursuant to the Doctrines of Laches,
   Waiver, and Estoppel.

- 11. The Third-Party Plaintiff's claims are barred, or in the alternative, the damages to which the Third-Party Plaintiff is entitled must be reduced under the Doctrine of Comparative Negligence and the Comparative Negligence Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:15-5.1. *et. seq.*
- 12. Third-Party Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer to incorporate additional defenses that may arise pursuant to continuing discovery.
- 13. Third-Party Defendants deny that there has been any deviation from approved standards of care.
- 14. The Third-Party Complaint is barred because Third-Party Plaintiff's failed to file an Affidavit of Merit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-27, and Third-Party Defendants reserve the right to move to dismiss.
  - 15. Third-Party Defendants deny the misrepresentation alleged.
  - 16. Third-Party Defendants deny the reliance alleged.
- 17. Third-Party Defendants deny that they were liable for negligence in administration.
- 18. Third-Party Defendants deny that they breached any fiduciary duties allegedly owed.

#### **CROSS-CLAIM FOR CONTRIBUTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Third-Party Defendants, Neal Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C., hereby demand contribution from David Weinstein; Michael Garnett; Frank Maccariella; Dante Georeno; Frank Militello; Cindy Holloway; Tim Foster; Union Privilege Care; and The McKeogh Company pursuant to the Joint Tortfeasors Contribution Law, N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-1 *et. seq.* and the Comparative Negligence Act, N.J.S.A. 2:15-5.1 *et. seq.* 

### CROSS-CLAIM FOR COMMON LAW INDEMNIFICATION

- 1. Third-Party Defendants deny any and all legal liability and responsibility for the acts alleged in the Third-Party Complaint.
- 2. If Third-Party Defendants should be found liable herein, which liability is denied, said liability will only be secondary, passive, technical, vicarious, or imputed and the liability of the co-Third-Party Defendants herein is primary, active, and direct.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendants, Neal Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C., hereby demand judgment against David Weinstein; Michael Garnett; Frank Maccariella; Dante Georeno; Frank Militello; Cindy Holloway; Tim Foster; Union Privilege Care; and The McKeogh Company herein for indemnification in full with respect to any damages which may be recovered against answering Third-Party Defendants together with interest and cost of suit.

### **ANSWER TO CROSS-CLAIMS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Third-Party Defendants hereby deny the cross-claims filed against them or to be filed against them in this action.

WHEREFORE, Third-Party Defendants request a judgment:

- 1. Dismissing the Third-Party Complaint with prejudice;
- 2. Awarding Third-Party Defendants costs and attorneys' fees; and
- 3. Providing such other relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

#### **DEMAND FOR AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-26, demand is hereby made for the required Affidavit of Merit as to each specific answering Third-Party Defendant within the mandatory period of time. Please further be advised that Third-Party Defendants hereby reserve the right to dismiss based upon Third-Party Plaintiff's failure to file the required Affidavit of Merit.

# **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

The answering Third-Party Defendants hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues.

MARSHALL, DENNEHEY, WARNER, COLEMAN & GOGGIN Attorney for Third-Party Defendants, Neal Goldstein, Esquire and Freedman & Lorry, P.C.

| /s  | John L. Slimm |  |
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DATED: August 14, 2005

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MCKEOUGH COMPANY,

**Third-Party Defendants** 

I hereby certify that on August 14, 2005, a copy of the within Answer to Third-Party

Complaint with Affirmative Defenses, Cross-claims, Answer to Cross-claims, Demand for

Affidavit of Merit, and Demand for Trial by Jury and this Certificate of Service to the following

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I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the

foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

/s/ John L. Slimm

JOHN L. SLIMM

DATED: August 14, 2005